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Early week prices were lower on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed prices continued to lower in New York and were unchanged in other areas. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate as lower prices not attracting additional interest. Supplies were fully sufficient to instances ample. Breaking stock prices as well as check and undergrades prices continue to lower. Offerings were fully adequate and include graded product. Demand was fair as some breakers reduce schedules. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Light type hen demand was good with offerings mostly adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-8 cents, mostly 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Food service movement was slow to fair with slight improvement noted in spot locations. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Offerings were fully adequate for the fair at best demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment was steady to usually barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-54	49-51
LARGE	45-53	47-50
MEDIUM	29-35	32-34

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate and somewhat showed signs of improvement in areas with features. Large 18 count eggs were advertised for 99 cents and large dozen eggs were on special for 59 cents. Supplies ranged fully adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to available for the light demand. Spent hens were about adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	53-57
LARGE	46-60	51-55
MEDIUM	30-43	35-37

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.50	63.00	42.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	41.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	39.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.03	61.68	41.47

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	10-12-04	10-05-04	10-14-03
Large	28-35	37-44	64-68
Medium	12-16	18-22	54-57

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCTOBER 11, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.8	33.7	6.3	11.1	12.1	76.0
	Change	-0.2	6.5	0.7	-3.0	1.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	65.7	15.2	26.3	38.3	174.5
	Change	1.5	2.4	0.9	-0.8	-2.5	1%
Large	Curr Wk	53.2	143.5	74.7	100.4	113.6	485.4
	Change	3.1	-11.0	6.0	-3.1	-5.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.8	57.5	21.9	23.9	35.7	156.8
	Change	-0.5	5.9	5.6	2.8	0.7	10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	15.3	3.5	8.8	5.3	37.8
	Change	-2.1	1.0	-1.8	0.2	-1.8	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	31.4	6.7	16.6	4.5	64.4
	Change	-1.3	-0.8	-2.1	-1.7	-0.7	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.8	40.5	32.2	43.1	36.3	173.9
	Change	-4.1	0.7	1.0	-0.5	3.5	0%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	144.7	387.6	160.5	230.2	245.8	1168.8
	Change	-2%	1%	7%	-3%	-2%	0%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1168.8	0%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	287.9	12%	35

Total Shell Egg 1456.7 2% 206

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 09-OCT-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,296,158	30,102	12,386	6,675	2,243	4,493
PW	1,248,956	29,404	12,269	6,532	2,331	4,432
LY	1,257,598	30,867	11,291	5,783	2,337	4,306
% CHG PW	4	2	1	2	-4	1
% CHG LY	3	-2	10	15	-4	4
2004	49,340,562	1,170,176	474,369	256,454	109,553	169,112
2003	46,743,042	1,139,872	425,994	231,692	94,426	167,907
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	16	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.40	42.15	41.55
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.93	38.60	38.12

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 02	OCT 09	OCT 02	OCT 09
	Thousand			
AL	29,335	28,953	21,052	19,976
AR	27,856	29,881	*23,806	23,661
DE	3,631	3,619	4,093	4,644
FL	1,348	1,349	1,421	1,555
GA	31,504	32,751	*25,441	25,792
KY	*6,547	6,941	*5,454	5,379
LA	3,846	3,816	3,531	3,655
MD	8,548	8,053	5,695	4,567
MS	17,923	18,194	16,076	15,626
NC	16,649	17,084	13,605	13,669
OK	5,699	6,195	5,016	4,304
PA	3,804	3,679	2,665	2,470
SC	4,223	4,267	4,330	4,537
TX	*14,759	15,125	*12,254	11,105
VA	5,847	6,530	5,458	4,820
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,261	17,211	*16,949	15,431
19 State Total	*198,780	203,648	*166,846	161,191
Previous Year Total	195,032	196,592	158,932	157,612
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	105	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Nov-04 is estimated at 151.0 million head. This compares to 155.7 million head the previous week and to 149.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.79 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/07/04-10/13/04

CURRENT LDS 89.75 FUTURE LDS 27.00 TOTAL LDS 116.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	26.00	37.00	27.88	30.00	—	—	8.00
GNR W 2	—	—	27.50	29.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	49.00	52.00	42.67	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	44.00	39.88	40.54	36.00	39.15	31.50
GL W LG	—	46.82	30.00	31.64	34.00	35.67	17.50
GL W MD	29.00	—	19.00	20.00	33.00	26.20	6.25
GL W SM	27.17	29.17	22.00	24.79	18.00	20.00	7.50
GL BR LG	—	—	47.00	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	24.64	28.20	29.17	30.33	33.00	30.15	37.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.17	28.33	—	29.00	4.50
NRBS - 42	—	21.00	—	—	18.00	18.50	15.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.55	22.25	20.00	21.50	9.25
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.50	14.00	—	—	.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-OCT-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	31.4	29.6	6	23
Boston	3.4	3.0	13	-3
Chicago	60.6	58.5	4	8
Detroit	25.6	30.3	-16	-8
Kansas City	2.0	2.0	0	-71
Los Angeles	86.7	86.2	1	-2
New Orleans	9.6	8.1	19	11
New York	29.6	28.1	5	3
St. Louis	18.6	15.5	20	1
San Francisco	19.8	19.3	3	-11
Total	287.3	280.6	2	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-OCT-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
Avg Wt	15.89	36.11	25.24	41.94	28.22
Last week	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
Same wk yr ago	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
Avg Wt	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55	27.33
To-date/2004	69,037	102,179	2,080	292	173,588
To-date/2003	75,185	109,393	2,559	554	187,691

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

(Preliminary) Week ending 09-OCT-04						
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	615	4	20.15	(A)	616	20.15
South Atlantic	865	14	30.12	(A)	866	30.12
North Central	2,134	-1	31.81	(A)	2,135	31.81
South Central	469	3	21.10	(A)	469	21.10
West	324	-12	24.99	(A)	324	24.99
U.S. total	4,407(B)	2	28.22	3	4,410	28.22

To-date
2004 173,296(B) 292 173,588To-date
2003 187,137(B) 554 187,691

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 2,080,000; for last year to date 2,559,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782	492
Avg Wt	5.40	3.37	8.07	5.92	6.65
Last week	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989	487
Same wk yr ago	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706	406
Avg Wt	5.14	3.40	8.06	5.88	6.80
To-date/2004	6,268,698	54,574	54,002	108,576	18,685
To-date/2003	6,170,823	59,137	56,418	115,555	16,541

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.6 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/16/04(1)	10/09/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	168,084(2)	171,763
Light hens	1,336	1,379
Heavy hens	1,521	1,521
Total	170,941	174,663

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Oct-04 is 164.4 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.4 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Oct-04 the estimated available is 163.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September	4	169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
	11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
	18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
	25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October	2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
	9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
Year to date		6344.9	6456.5	98%	
October	16		164.4		
	23		163.9		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 11-OCT-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.35	42	63.45	80	
Los Angeles	82.00	79.48	63	76.41	129	
New York	61.00-64.00	63.65	26	64.67	52	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
11-OCT-2004	04-OCT-2004	04-OCT-2004	13-OCT-2003
69.72	.28	69.44	63.07
NUMBER OF LOADS	600		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-77	76-77	76.22	255.6
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-77	75-76	75.94	254
WESTERN REGION	76-77	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)			Processed other	
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/11/04	3,333	186,452	56,769
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		58	3468	-1307
PCT CHG		2%	2%	-2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 11-OCT-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	9.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.40
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-14.25 CENTS/LB.	10-10.5	10.88
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading			

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-10	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-8	0-5

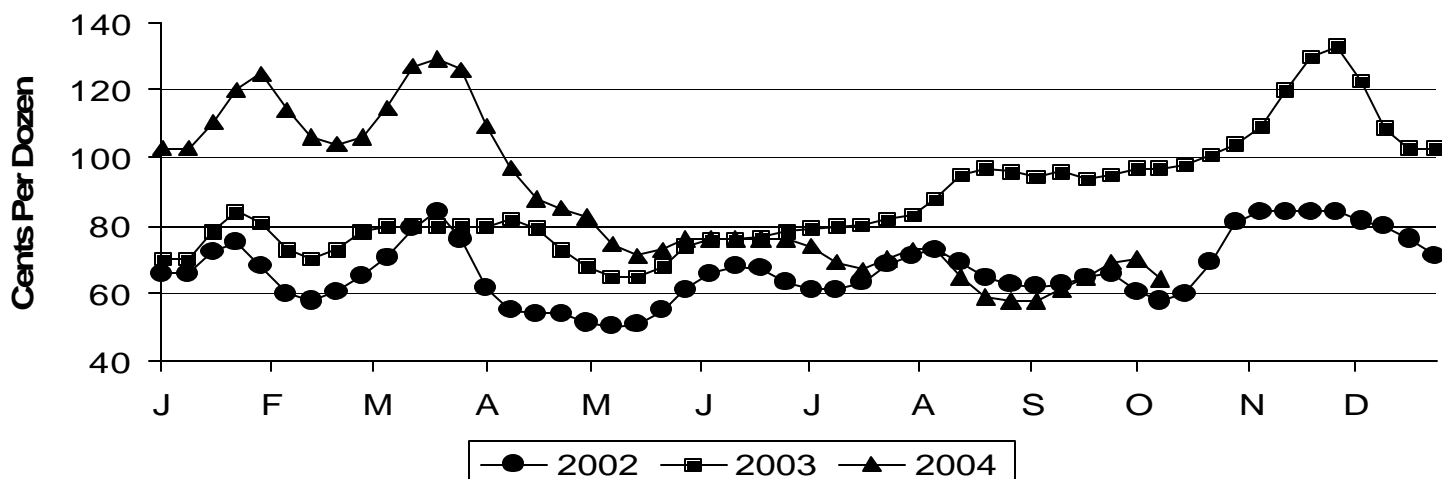
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 09-Oct-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	236.3	1	7
East North Central	547.8	-1	2
West North Central	288.8	2	3
South Atlantic	219.7	4	1
South Central	65.5	-3	-6
West	204.0	12	9
Total	1562.1	2	3
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

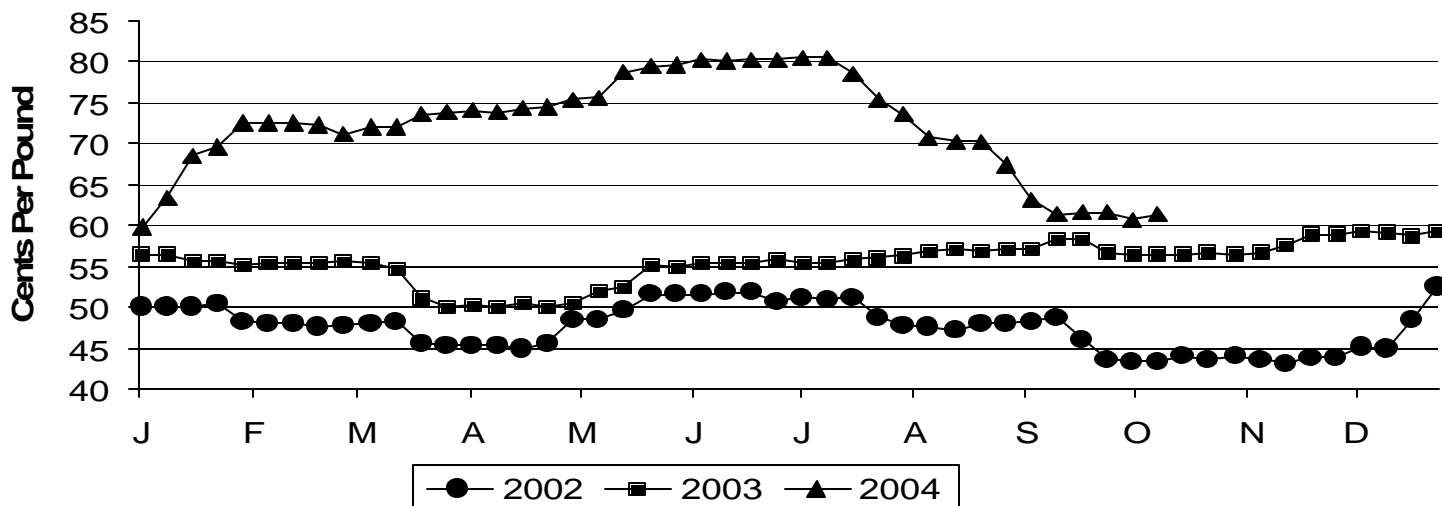
Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)
 West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)
 South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

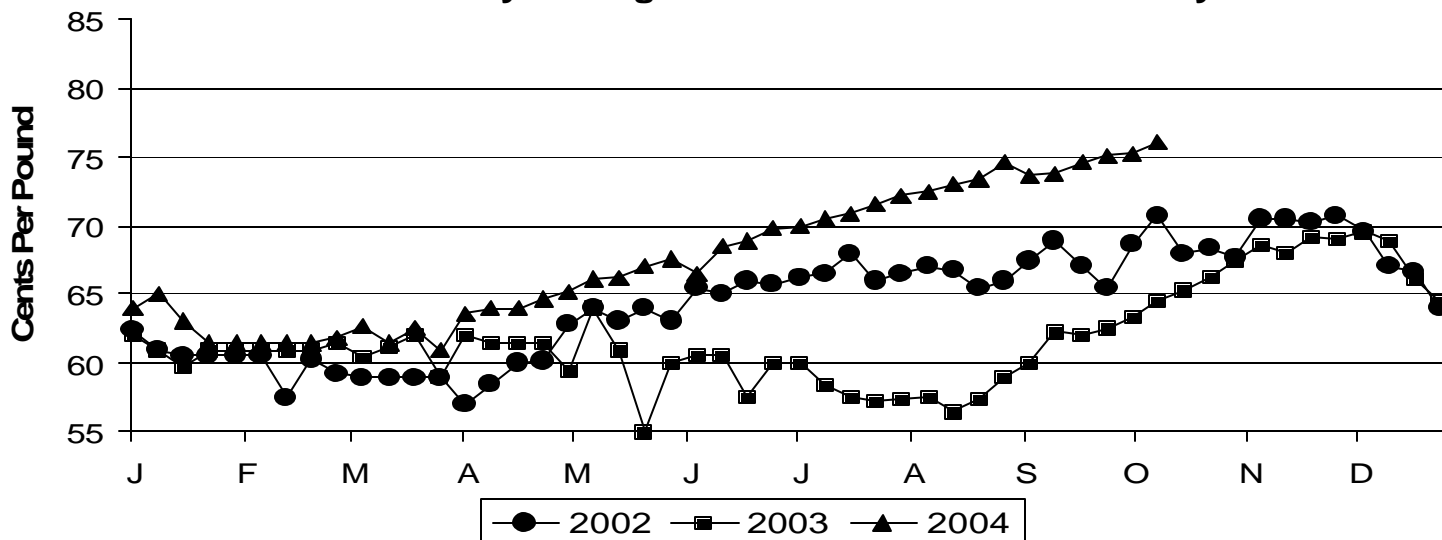
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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